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Please amend the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS starting on Page 1, line 6 as follows:

This application ~~is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: claims priority to U.S.~~ Patent Application Serial No. 10/081,719, which is entitled “Monitoring Respiration Based on Plethysmographic Heart Rate Signal,” which was filed on February 22, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,702,752; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/081,887, which is entitled “Monitoring Mayer Wave Effects Based on a Photoplethysmographic Signal,” which was filed on February 22, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,805,673; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/081,165, which is entitled “Monitoring Physiological Parameters Based on Variations in a Photoplethysmographic Baseline Signal,” which was filed on February 22, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,896,661; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/081,168, which is entitled “Apparatus and Method for Monitoring Respiration with a Pulse Oximeter,” which was filed on February 22, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,709,402, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.